Revenue (1939) Department.

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G.O. No. L 106,

Dated 6-8-1939.

[Despatch Abstract]

GRANT - Rewards - (South Kanara) Saving the life of a woman from drowning in a well - Parsha Naik. K.P.

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Pursha Naika K.P. - (South Kanara) - Police Constable Act of gallantry - Reward - Sanction.

Ref. No. D 4049/39-1

Station Chepauk, Madras, , *Dated the* 21st June 1939 19

From S. Venkateswaran Esq., I.C.S.,

Secretary,

Board of Revenue.

F.W. Stewart Esq., C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S.,

Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read the following:-

Letter from Sri Diwan Bahadur M.V. Vellodi, B.A., District Magistrate of South Manara, Ref.Cl.No.1891-M-39, dated 9th June 1939.

Sub.:-- Reward - Act of gallantry - Police Constable K.P. Pursha Naika - Rs.50/- - Sanction requested -

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MM 3-4 copies I enclose a communication from the District Superintendent of Police recommending a substantial reward to Police Constable, K.P. Pursha Naika for rescuing a drowning woman from a well. The District Superintendent's letter gives all the details. He considered that the case deserved the award of a (King's) Police Medal but the Inspector-General of Police is of opinion that the grant of a substantial money reward should be more appropriate.

2. The incident occurred within the Mangalore Municipality and I am, therefore, not authorised to make any payments for this from my discretionary grant. I request that the Board may be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for the grant of a reward of Rs.50/- to the Police Constable.

— (D) Cf GO No 1472 Rev 8.6.38

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Reference:--

Submitted to the Government for orders.

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For Secretary. 23.6.38

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, with enclosure.

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Copy of Confidential letter from the District Superintendent of Police, South Kanara, dated 17th April 1939 to the Inspector General of Police, Madras

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Subject:- Indian Police Medal'-Recommendation for -

Refce:- Chief Office Confidential Circular Memorandum No.726/Audi/39 dated 4/th/5th April 1939.

- I attach a roll of recommendation for the award of the Indian Police Medal to Police Constable No.226 K.P.Pursha Naika of Mangalore Taluk Police Station.

2. At about 4.20 P.M. on the 22nd February 1939 the wife of Constable 396 while trying to fix the rope on the pulley on he wall in the lines lost her balance and fell down the well. This well is 45 ft. deep up to the surface of water and the depth of the water was over 5 ft. on the 22nd of February 1939. P.C.200 who was nearby raised an alarm and P.C.226 ran to the spot and got down the well by means of a rope attached to the pulley and dived under the water and prevented the woman from drowning. In the meantime, two other constables similarly got down into the well and by lowering a chair put the woman on it and hauled her up. The woman was half conscious and was --- revived by artificial respiration. These facts were entered in the General Diary of the day.

3. The well is 10 ft. in diameter and made in brick and cement. There were no steps to the well and when I inspected and measured it on 28.3.39 there was 5 ft. of water in it. The depth of the surface of the water from the parapet is 45' 6". If immediate help had not been rendered, the woman could not have been saved and it required considerable pluck on the part of the constable to let himself down by a rope and to save a drowning person in such a limited space and in water whose --- depth was not known. It is true that subsequent help was rendered by other constables getting in but the readiness with which P.C.226 got down the well made all the difference and a life was saved entirely by P.C.226's pluck and presence of mind.

4. Copy of the general diary of Mangalore Town Station for 22-8-1939 is attached. The statements recorded by the Circle Inspector of Police, Mangalore, on 31-3-1939 are flagged A to A5 and the statements recorded by me are flagged B to B5.

5. The remarks of the Dt. Magistrate, South Kanara on the incident are as follows:-

"From the report, it could be seen that it required great presence of mind, and courage on the part of constable No.226 to take a quick decision and go down a well 45 feet deep, in the dark, especially when he could not have guessed the actual depth of water in it. The gallant act certainly involved great personal risk especially in tackling a drowning woman in a narrow enclosed space like the bottom of a deep well. But for the timely help rendered by the Constable, the woman could not have survived as she was actually under water when she was rescued. The Constable showed great pluck and fortitude and I think the circumstances justify the award of the Indian Police Medal. P.Cs. 107 and 460 also deserve some kind of reward for their promptness in rendering help to the constable who was holding the woman above water."

6. The recommendation is for an act of gallantry in saving life and consequently the grant of an allowance is recommended.

(True copy)

Sd/- M. Ziauddin,

Mangalore,
Dated: 28th May 39.

Dt. Superintendent of Polic
South Kanara.

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READ AGAIN _____, dated _____ 19____.

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READ *ALSO*:—

G.No 3330-F-39, From the Bd. of Rev., Ref.D.No 4049-39-1, dated 21.6. 19 39; pp.12 c.

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Order / ~~Resolution~~ Ms. No. 2106, dated _____ 16-8- 19 9.

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In the circumstances reported, an allotment of Rs.10/-(Rupees ten only) under "57.g. Mis. and unforseen charges - D. Mis." is placed at the disposal of the Collector of South Kenara for granting a reward to K.P. Pursha Naika, Police Constable No.226 of Mangalore Taluk Police Station for saving a woman from drowning in a well. It is considered that a reward of Rs.10, will be adequate.

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To the Board of Revenue.
To the Collector of South Kanara.
To the A.G. thro' Fin.
To Fin. Dept.

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Please see the Bd.'s reference at pp.1-2 c.f.

2. In similar cases, a reward of Rs. 10/- only has been granted. In the present case, the Collector of South Kanara has applied for a grant of Rs.50/- which appears to be far too much. For orders whether a reward of Rs.10/- will not be adequate. The draft may be sent to Home and Finance for acceptance.

vide the recent orders at p 3 ¶ (B) + the ¶ of p 3 ¶ (C), p 3 ¶ (D) + p 6 ¶ (E)

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29.6.39

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 30 JUN 1939 HOME DEPARTMENT

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Home Depot.

The draft may be accepted and the bill passed on to the Fin Depot.

Rw 30.7.39

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With due respect for Rev's opinion, I regard Rs.10, as a modification of a recommendation for such a 'selected' reward as the Police medal, as extremely stingy. It was a very gallant act. I feel so strongly about this that I venture to suggest that Rev. might get the Rev. Secy's views before further circulation.

13.7.39. Rev.

Put up all papers 1935 Rev. Secy's views 1/7

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 14 JUL 1939 HOME DEPARTMENT

Home U.O. 22497A-1

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Revenue Department.

STATEMENT OF REWARDS GRANTED FOR SAVING LIVES.

G.O.No.	Amount Sanctioned in Rs.	No.of persons saved.	No.of persons rewarded.	Average reward per person.	Remarks.
B 1) 1571 24.6.39	10	1	1	10	Well 20' deep with 10' water.
C 2) 1472 8.6.38	10	1	1	10	Well 50-60' deep with 10' water.
D 3) 886 2.4.38	10	1	2 constables	5	Well 40' deep with 12' water.
E 4) 720 16.3.38	10	1	2 constables	5	Well without steps.
F 5) 1890 17.9.37	15	1	2	7½	Well.
G 6) 862 26.4.37	30	8	6	5	Mangalore Port. Boat wrecked.
6(a) 2542 26-11-36	Rs.15-0-6	3	8	1-14-1	Vaigai river floods
I 7) 1717 8.8.36	10	2	2	5	Well.
H 8) 1500 13.7.36	10	3	1	10	Well.
J 9) 36 5.1.35	10	1	2	5	Flooded river.
L 10) 1915 25.9.34	5	1	1 constable	5	Tank.
M 11) 1609 13.8.34	15	1	1	15	Well.
N 12) 1438 24.7.34	11 (5-0-0, 3-0-0, 3-0-0)	1	3	3-11-0	Boatmen saved one of the people while crossing the Tambaraparani river.
P 13) 1423 19.7.34	5	1	1	5	Well.
R 14) 1243 26.6.34	10	1	1 constable	10	Grand Anicut Canal.
S 15) 269 9.2.34	20	1	2	5 10	

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To U.S.

A statement of the rewards granted for saving lives from 1934 upto now (except the case disposed of in G.O.No.2542, Rev., dated 26.11.36, which is not available) is put up above.

2. It will be seen from the above statement that only in one solitary case a grant of Rs.15/- was made to a single person. This was in 1934. In all the recent cases the reward has not exceeded Rs.10/.

With reference to Home Secy.'s remarks it may be observed that the grant of the proposed reward

of Rs.10/- was not meant as a substitute for the reward of 'Police Medal' ~~which~~ (with which this dept is not concerned.) ~~this dept. is not concerned to consider~~. The reward proposed in this dept. is from the Discretionary grant which may be expended for the conferring of a reward for any brave or gallant act (of saving life) irrespective of the question whether the person belongs to the Police Dept. or not.

~~I am of opinion that the proposal to grant the award~~ Submitted for orders.

26/7/35.

I submit that the reward is a mere token of appreciation and not payment for services rendered. It is the duty of every citizen to save from death or danger persons who have accidentally got into hazardous positions of considerable risk to their lives and it would be improper & even immoral for any man to expect a reward for doing one's duty towards his fellow-men. Viewed from this aspect, a nominal reward would be adequate but there is considerable force in the Home Secy's view at p 2 above that a gallant act of life saving should be ~~not~~ rewarded more liberally.

2. The question is really one of Finance. It will be observed that except in one case in 1934, the rewards have all been below Rs 10. This dept. merely issues orders in such cases. ~~—~~ If Home Dept. feel that a larger reward should be

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given they may decide the question in Consultation with Finance. This Dept. can issue orders granting the amount agreed upon. The file may be returned to Home.

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Ten rupees appears to be the normal rate for jumping into wells, & even if the Executive deepen them the rate in the present case is contained very much more cheaply. This Dept. will not object if Home deem it necessary to raise the reward.

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Home (A) Dept.

with ref to the Secy's remarks on page 2 ante, Please see the Revenue Secretary's note above. For orders as to what amount of reward may be recommended to be given to the Constable. After orders are passed, the file may be passed on to the Finance Dept.

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The draft order on p. 1. ante may be accepted and the case returned to Rev: no. 9588 Exp

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